

Androscoggin Riverlands Park

Draft Master Plan

Advisory Committee Presentation

November 18, 2009

Goals / Purpose

Continue existing uses of park:

Hiking

ATV

Snowmobiling

Biking

Horseback Riding

Hunting

River Access and Boating

Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing

Keep the park undeveloped in character with minimal expansion of trails and uses.

Park uses should respect the natural and cultural features and must avoid degrading natural resources.

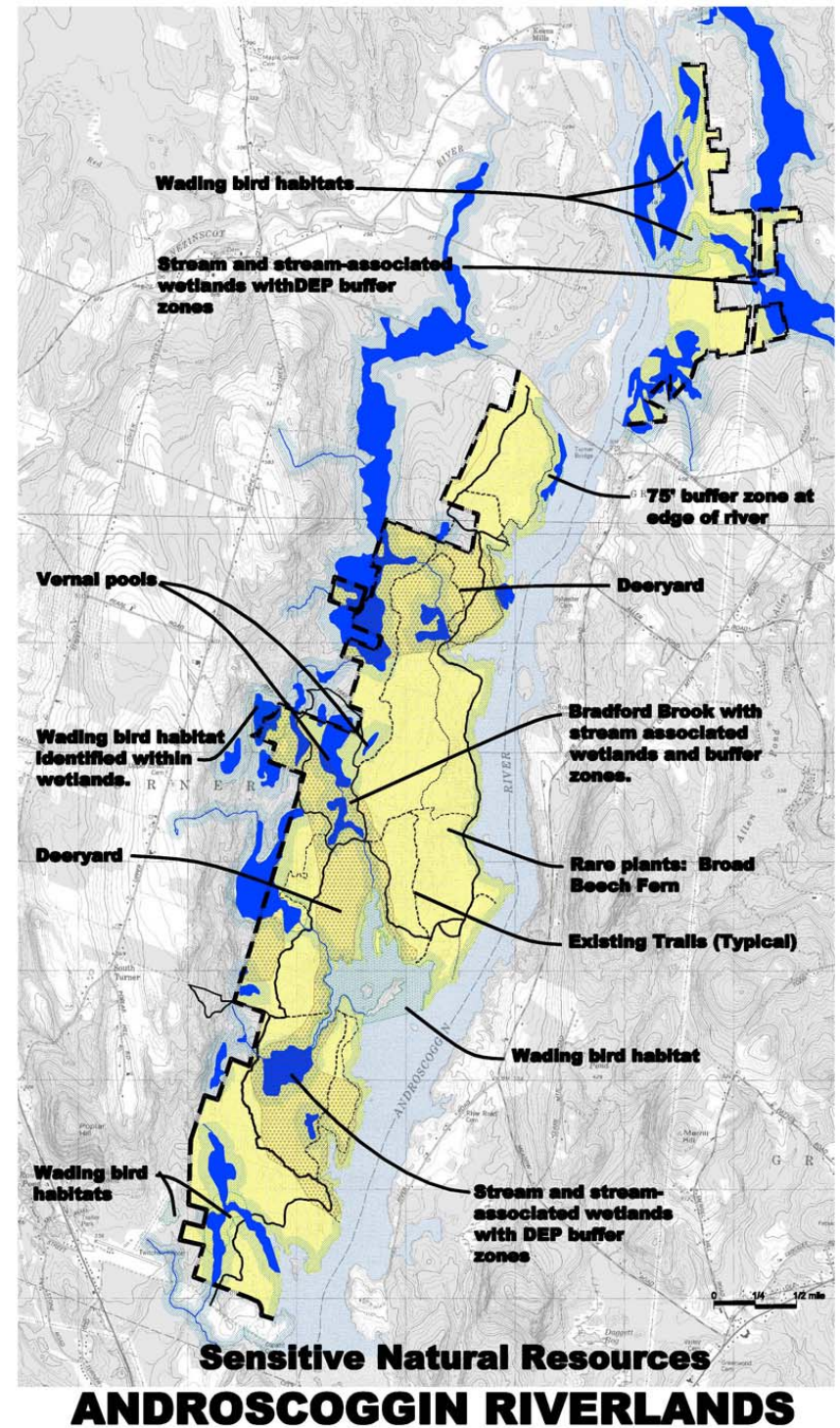
The trail system needs to balance opportunities for different user groups and should minimize the potential for interaction between incompatible uses.

Park uses need to be coordinated with and tied into the larger corridor uses of the river as well as with neighboring communities.

Preserve and interpret the special and unique cultural and natural features of the park.

Significant portions of the park need to remain undeveloped to maintain large, unbroken tracts of wildlife habitat.

Existing Features / Conditions



Environmental Issues

LEEDS PARCEL

- IF&W Wading Bird and Waterfowl Habitat Protection.
- Wetland and Stream Protection.
- Deer Wintering Areas to be protected.

TURNER PARCEL

- IF&W Wading Bird and Waterfowl Habitat Protection.
- Vernal Pool Protection.
- Deer Wintering Areas to be protected.
- Rare Plant Protection. (Broad Beech Fern)
- 75 to 100 foot shoreland zone buffer along entire river edge.
- Wetland and stream protection.

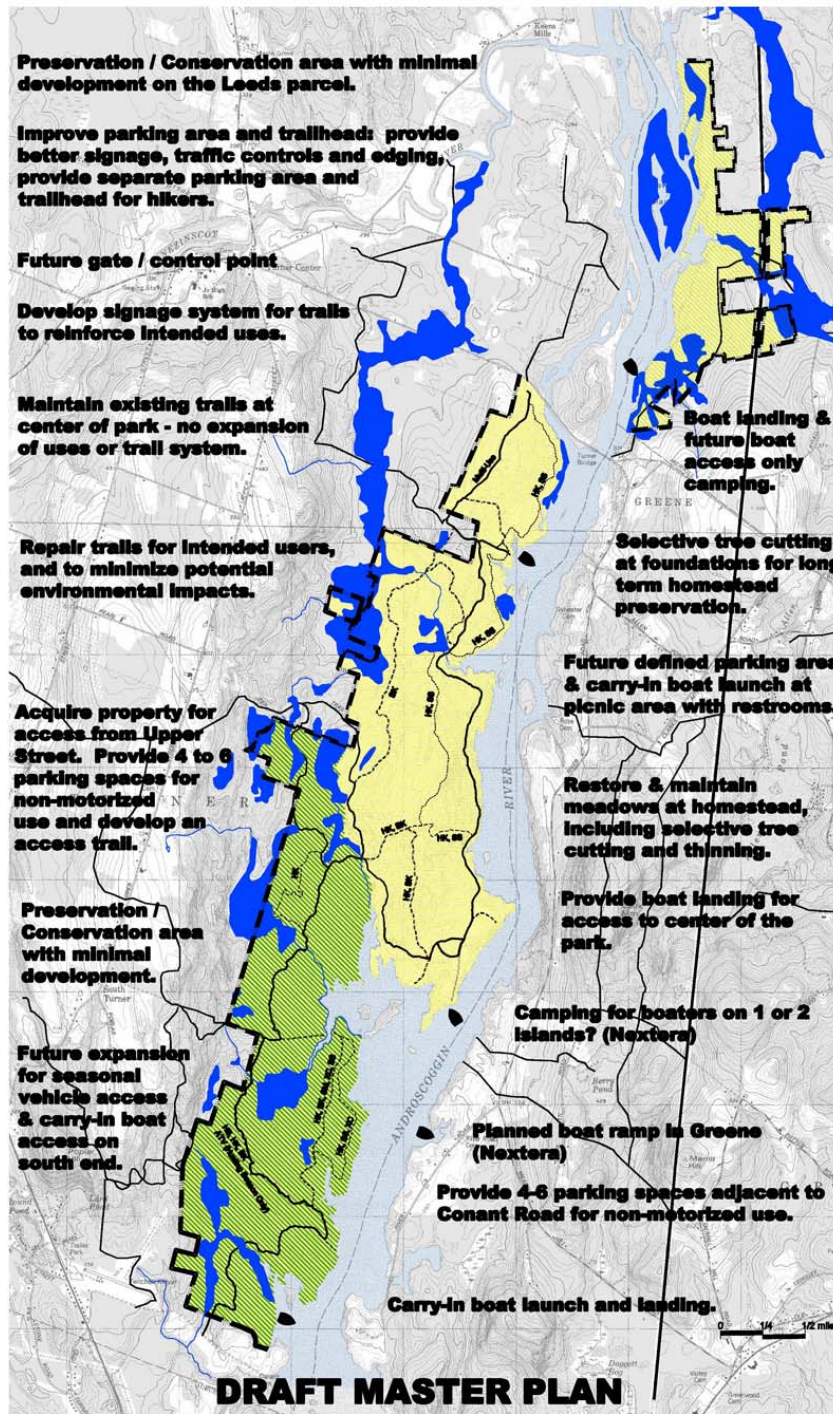
Trail Issues

LEEDS PARCEL

- Winter and Water Access
- Very Restricted Foot Use / Access

TURNER PARCEL

- Numerous Trails From Private Properties into ARP
- Many Uses On Narrow Trails
- Unauthorized Trail Creation (ATV/Mtn. Bike)
- Poor Trail Conditions for Multi-Use on South End of Parcel



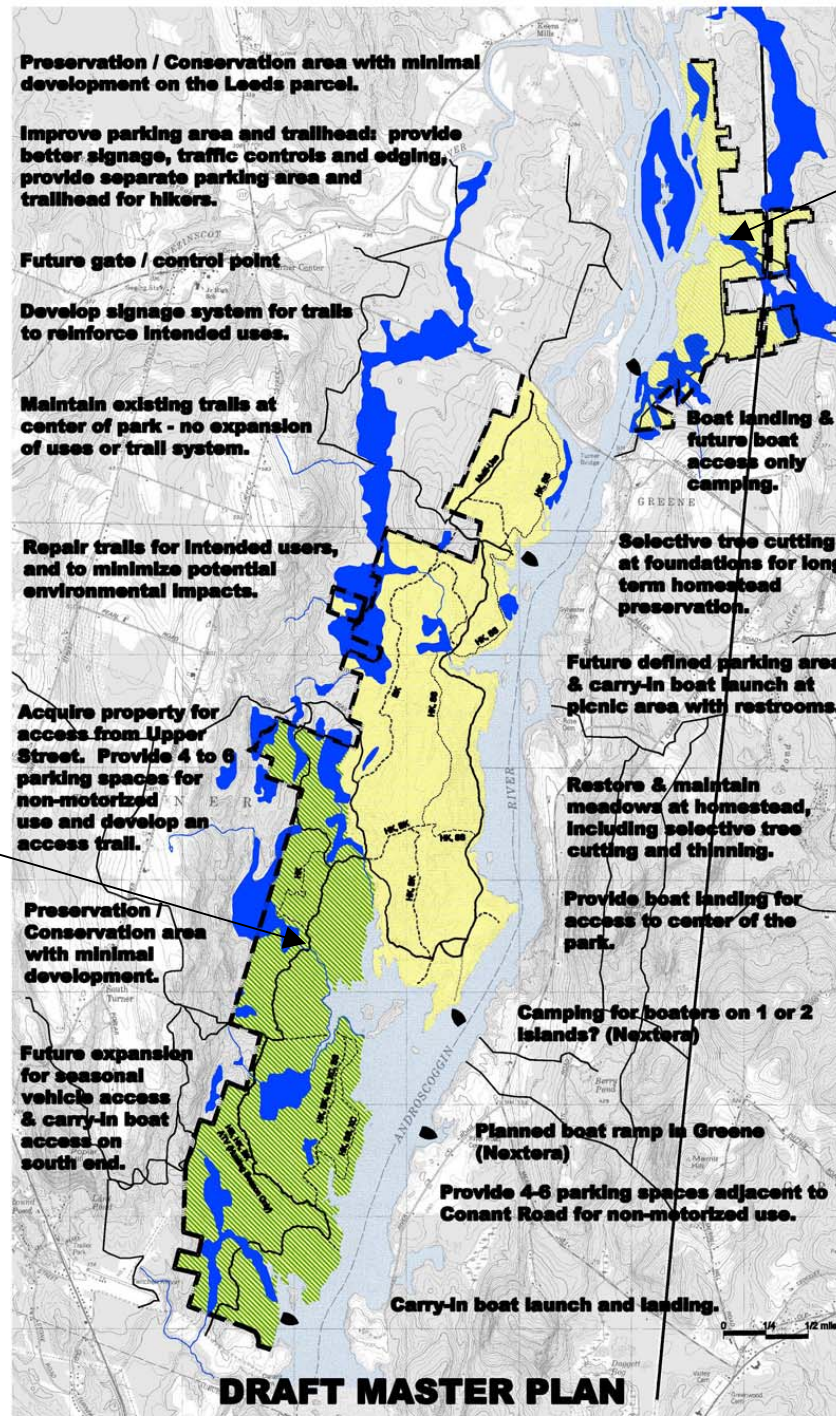
Draft Recommendations

- 1. Keep one main entrance to the park for all uses at the north end. Make improvements to the entrance, including signage, separate trailhead/parking for hikers to minimize interaction with motorized and non-motorized park users.**
- 2. Develop secondary access at south end (off of Conant Road) for hiking, bicycling, and carry-in boating as demand grows. Provide a small parking area for 4 to 6 cars.**
- 3. Seek opportunity for land acquisition for trail access for hikers from the west, including parking for 4-6 cars near Upper Street.**
- 4. Implement overall signage system to identify the park, the routes within the park, and the trail uses and rules.**
- 5. Improve trail conditions to the established standards for the intended uses.**
- 6. Install controls where necessary to encourage users to stay where intended and deter unwanted uses.**

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Draft Recommendations

- 7. Establish partnerships with surrounding towns, local organizations and user groups for ongoing management of the park.**
- 8. Develop a volunteer plan for park stewardship, rangers and park monitoring.**
- 9. Improve river access into the park at designated locations.**
- 10. Develop a plan to limit access into the park from unauthorized trails and uses from adjoining properties.**
- 11. Limit development in the southern portion of the park to preserve acreage for habitat and natural resources.**



Preservation /
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Area

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Route Plans

ATV

Biking

Hiking

Horseback Riding

Boating

Snowmobiling

Cross Country Skiing

Snowshoeing

ATV truck and trailer entrance and parking as existing off of Center Bridge Road

ATV route is multi-use and shared with Hikers, Bikers and Horseback

Work to secure permanent ATV entrance from Upper Street

Routes are shown as published by the Turner Timberland Club

Bradford Loop remains

ATV connection to west

Close other ATV routes into/out of the park at boundary line.

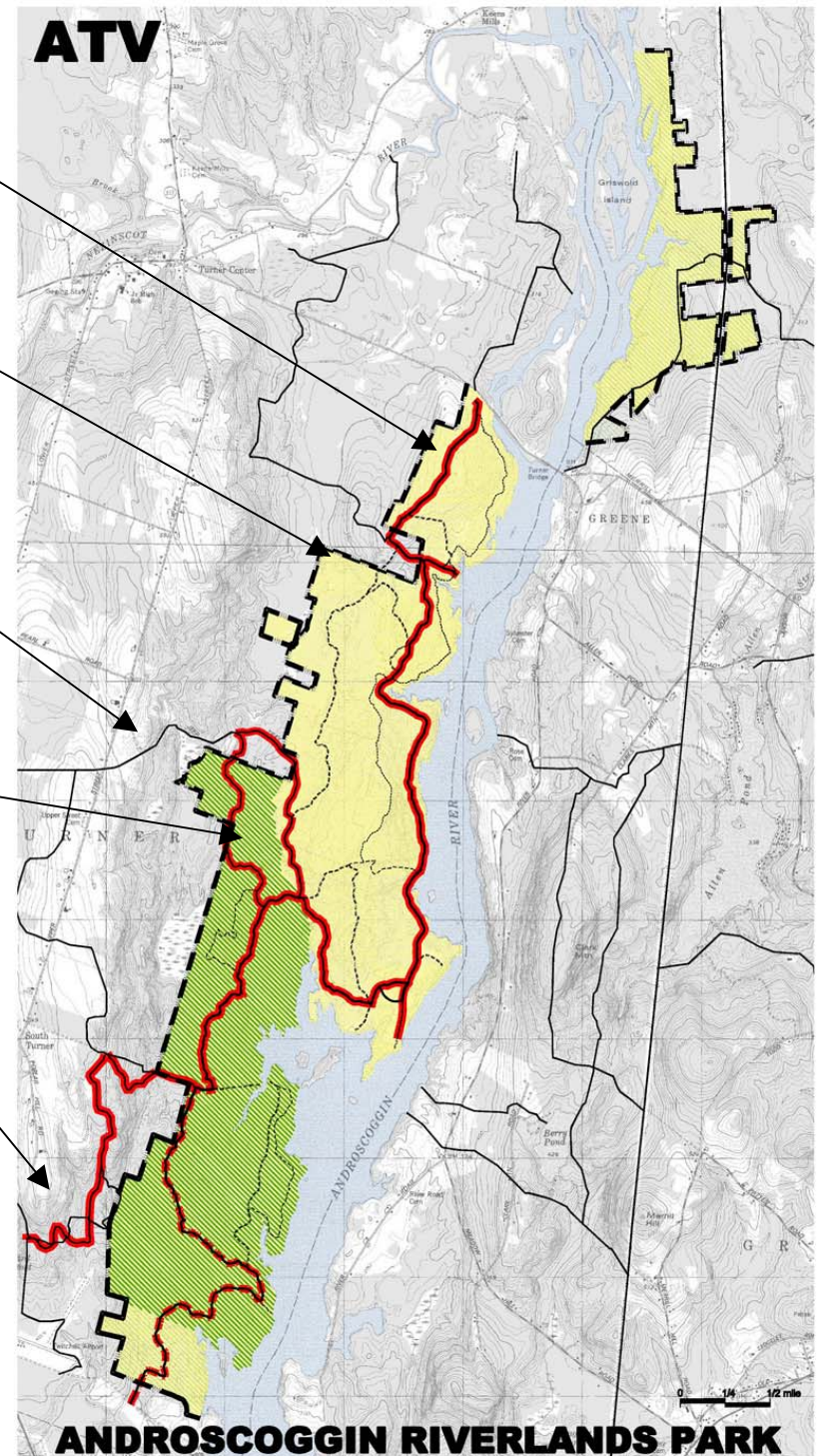
Southern Section of ATV route is approximately 2.5 miles.

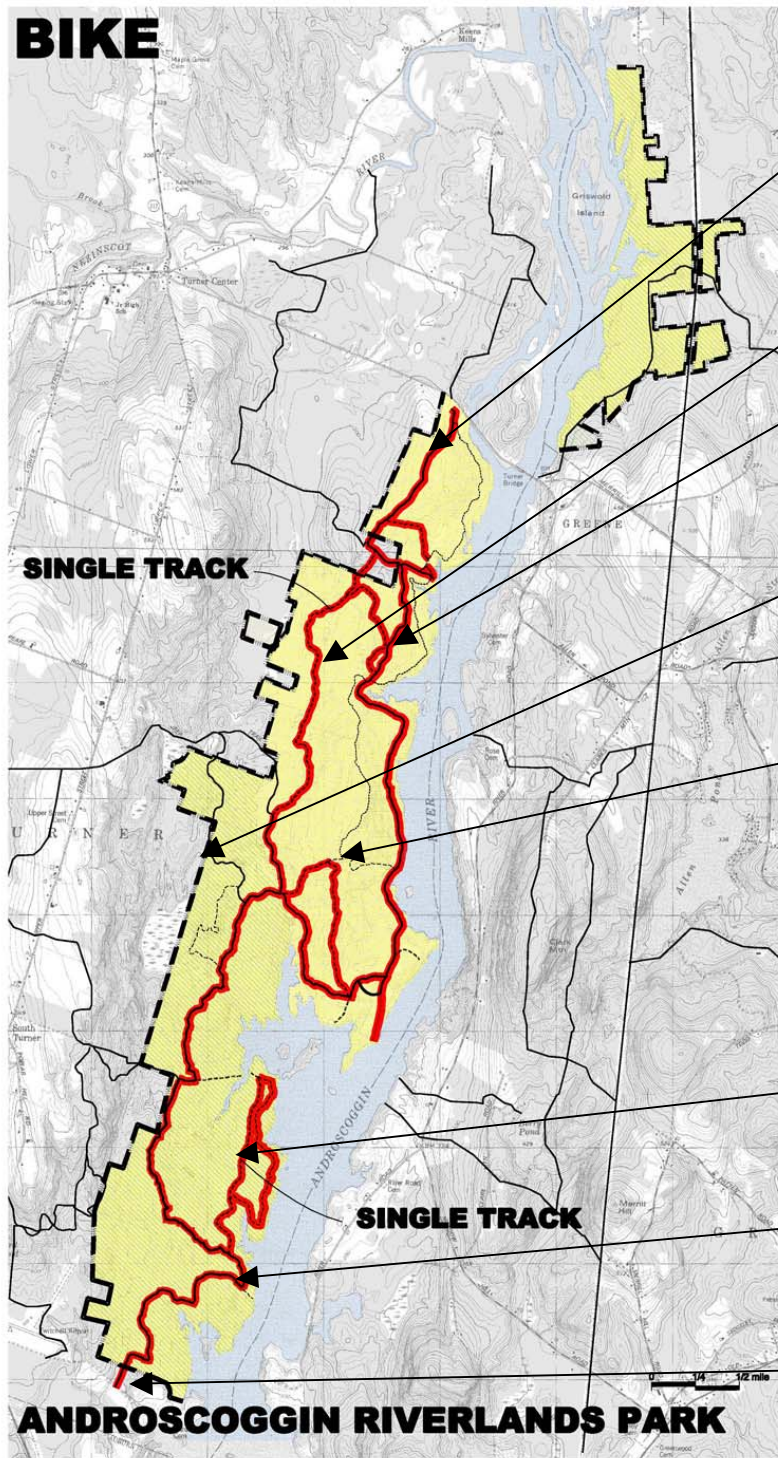
Option A

Open only during hunting season

Option B

Open year round.





Biking entrance from existing parking area off of Center Bridge Road

Western single track on existing trail

Bike route is multi-use and shared with Hikers, ATV's and Horseback riders

Future shared single track access from Upper Street to center of property.

No Biking on Ridge Trail

Southern Single Track on existing trail

Southern Route on multi-use shared with ATV's in the Fall

Future connection to bike trail from Lewiston

Create separate, small parking area and trailhead for hike access to the Homestead Trail

Homestead Trail hiking only; shared with snowshoe in winter.

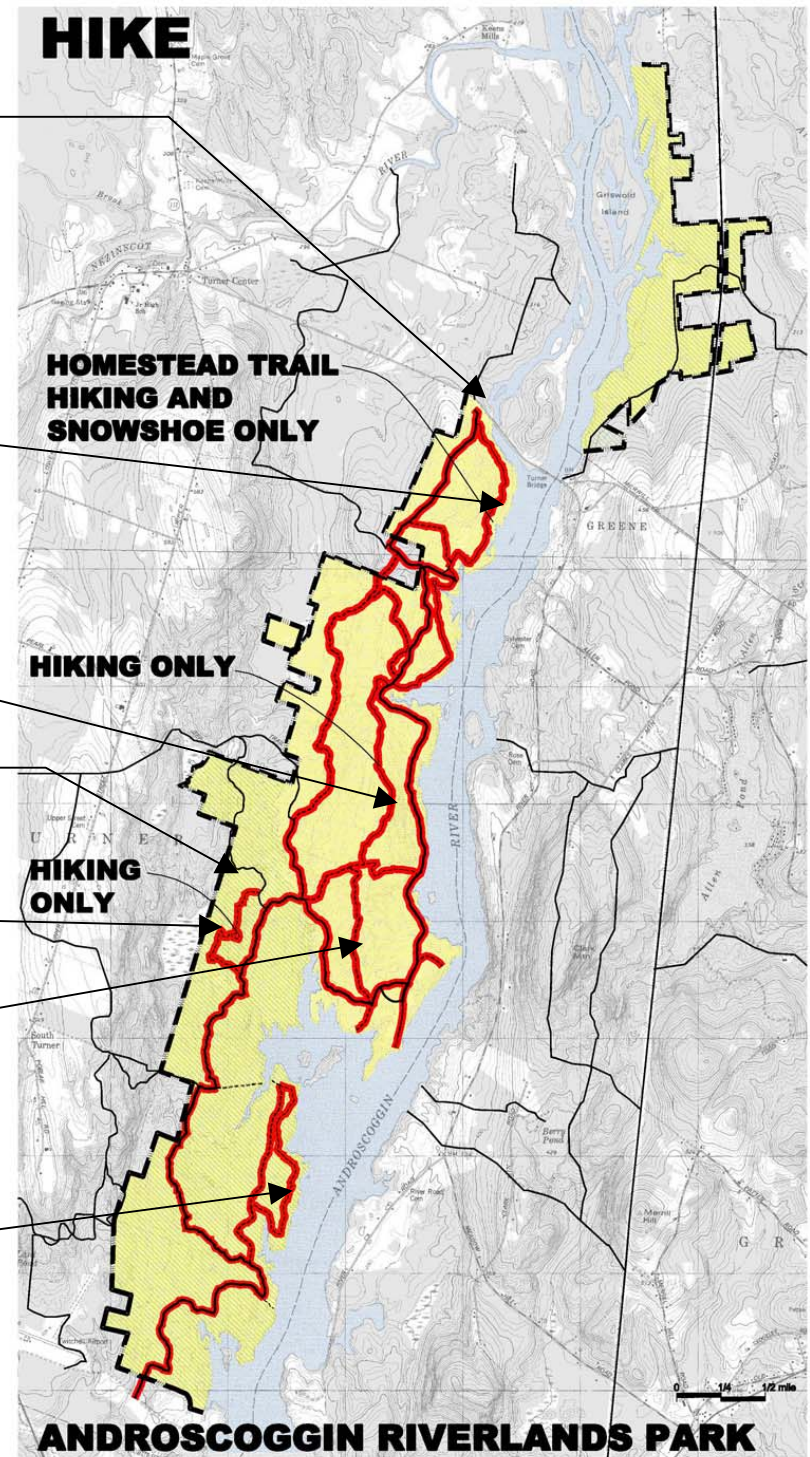
Ridge Trail and Ledge Trail hiking only.

Develop future hiking route from center of property to Upper Street

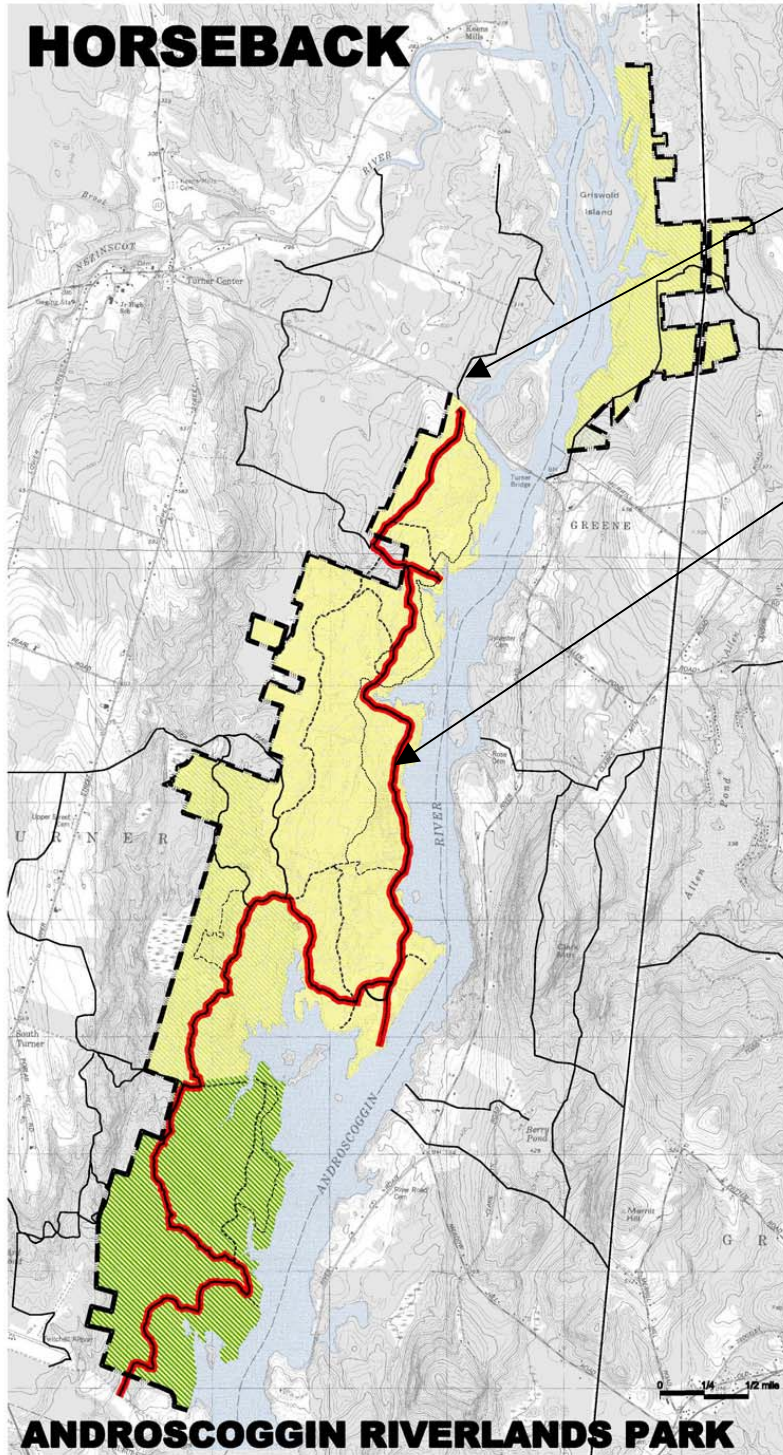
West Trail hiking only.

Multi-use hiking route is shared with ATV's, Horseback and Bikes.

South Shore Trail hiking; shared with snowshoe in winter and biking in other seasons.



HORSEBACK



Horseback Trailer entrance and parking at existing area on Center Bridge Road.

Horseback Route is multi-use and shared with Bikes, Hikers and ATV's



Leeds landing site for shore access
and path to picnic area

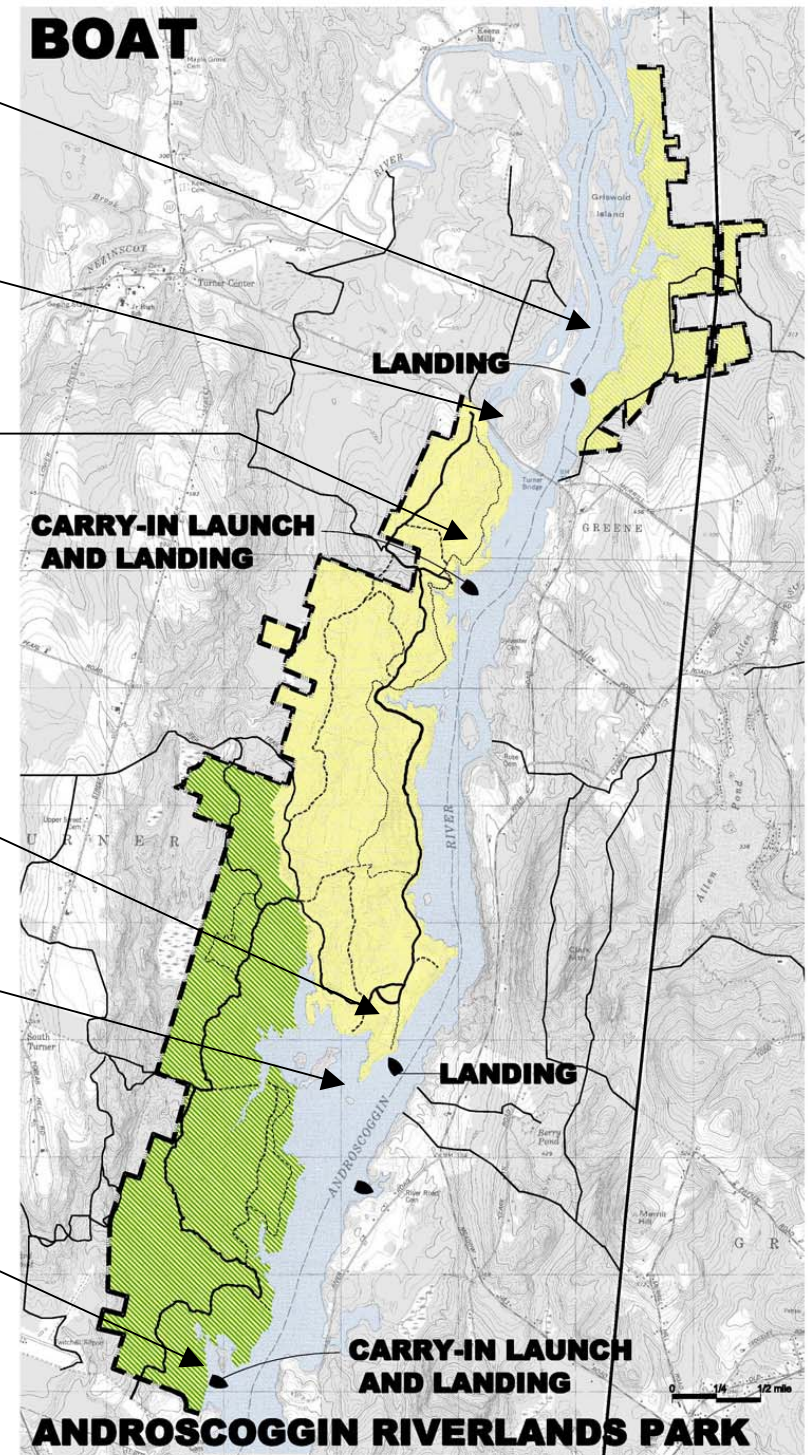
Existing launching ramp on Center
Bridge Road is vehicular launch
access for the river.

Carry-in launch and landing at Center
Meadow

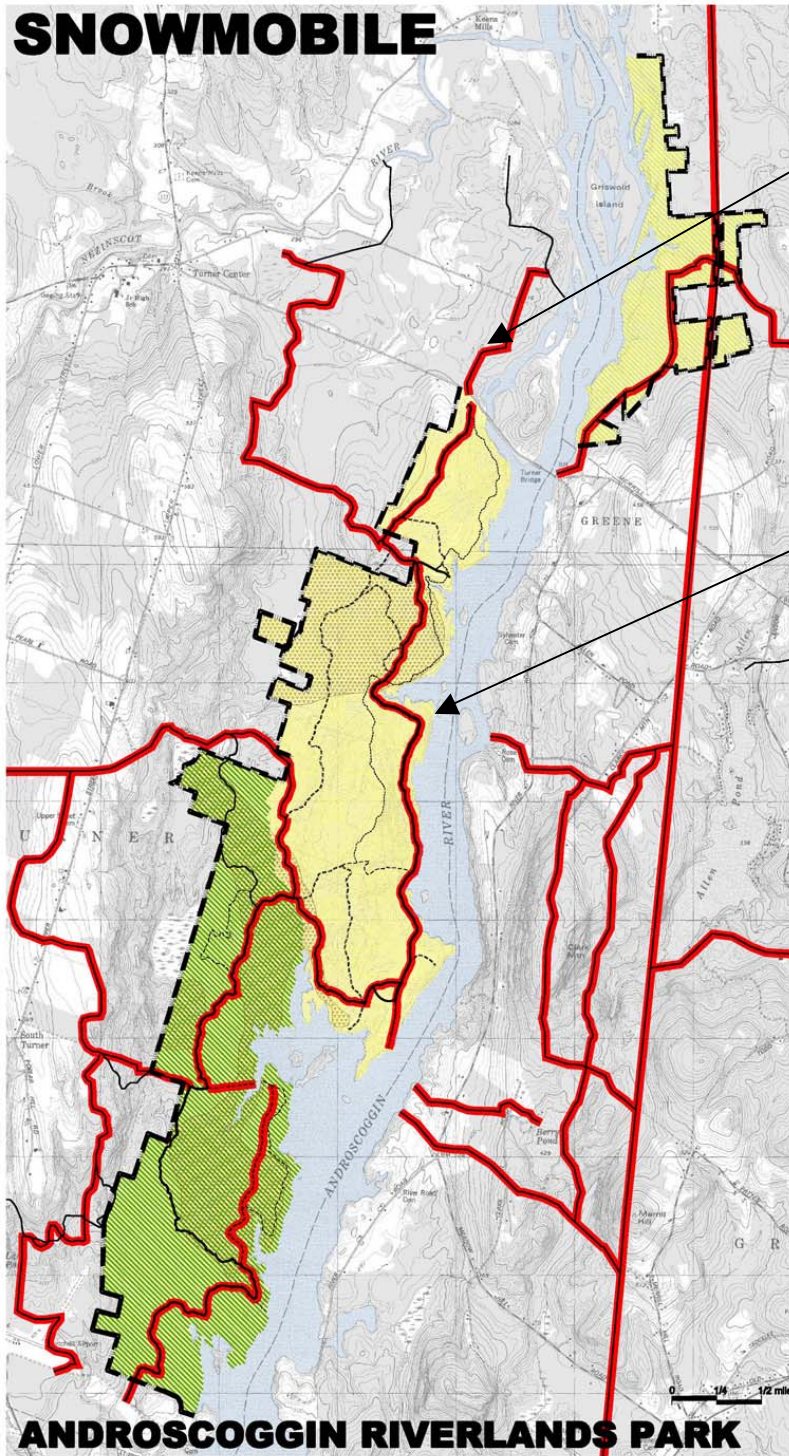
Landing at trail end for access to
Homestead Sites

Boating use of designated Nextera
sites / islands

Future Carry-in launch and landing.
Use now as landing until trail is
connected



SNOWMOBILE



Snowmobile truck and trailer parking /access available at Center Bridge Road. (not maintained by BP&L)

Snowmobile routes as published by Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club with links to off-site routes.

Snowmobile routes shared in some portions with other winter uses.

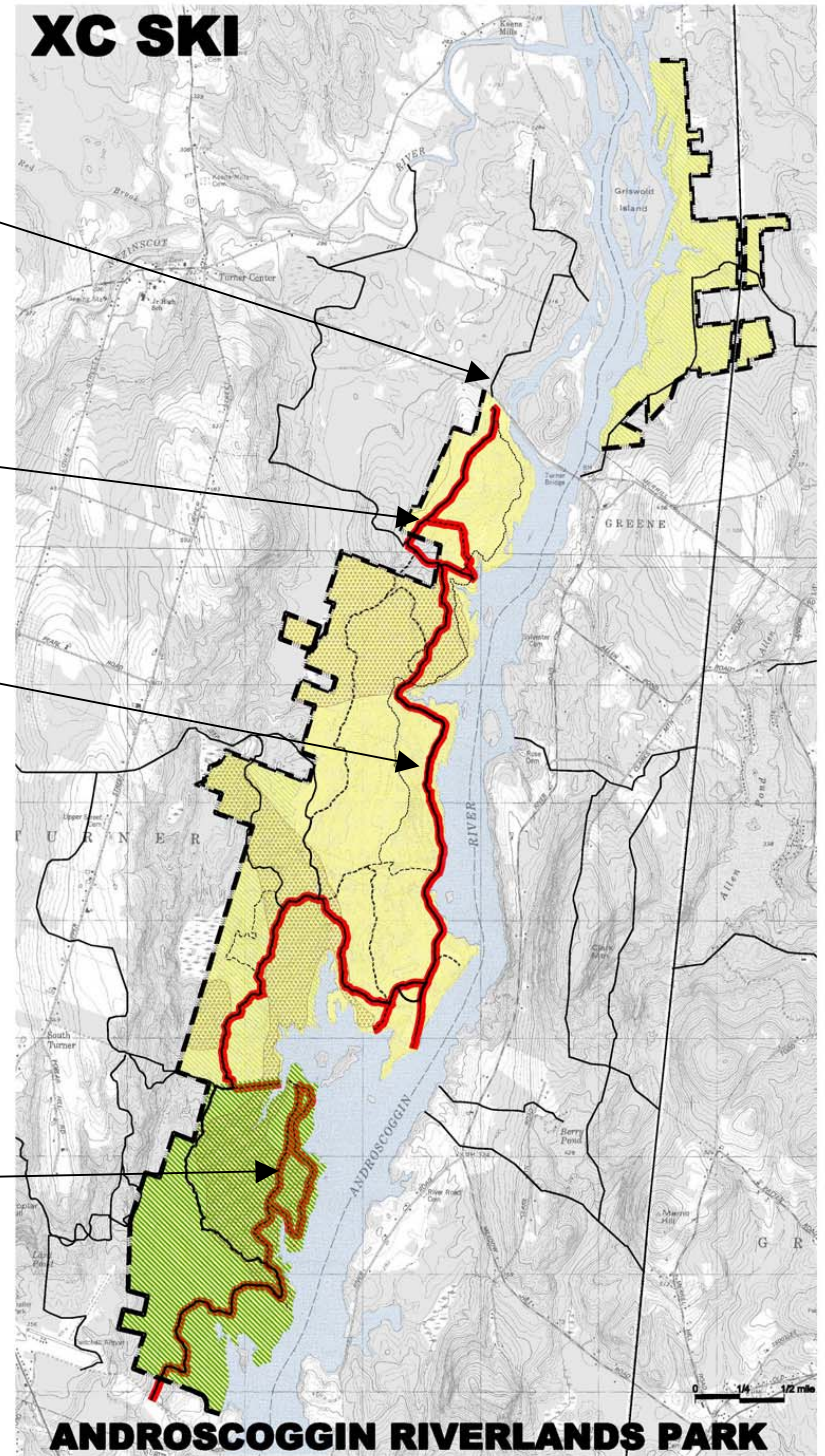
- XC Ski
- Snowshoe

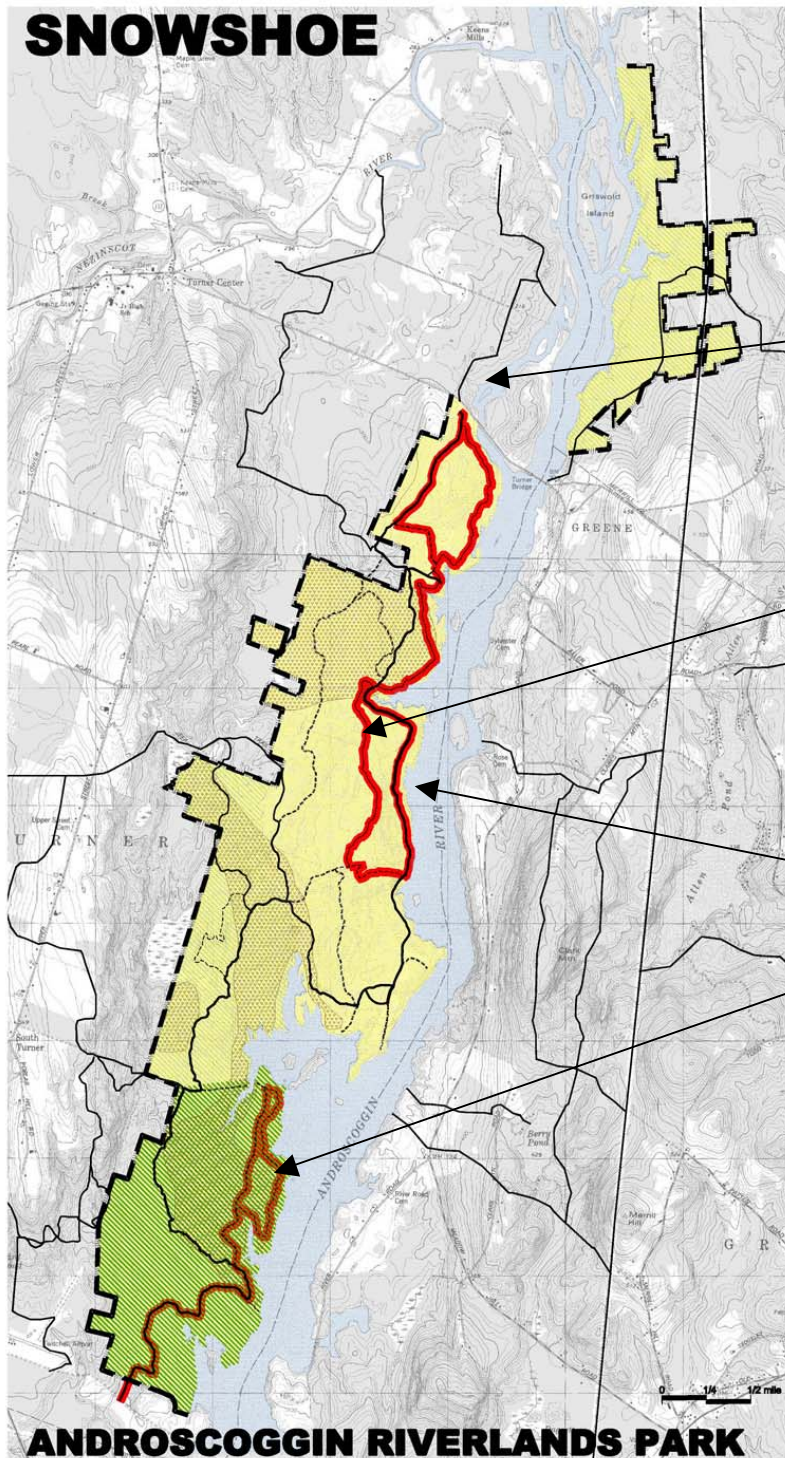
Primary access is from the existing parking lot and trail head.

Upper loop for skiing

Skiing routes are shared with snowmobiles in some areas of the park on portions of the existing multi-use trail.

Lower loop for skiing





Snowshoeing access is from the existing parking lot off of Center Bridge Road.

Minimize snowshoe trails through deeryards, keep trails at edges.

Snowshoeing is a shared winter use on portions of the routes within the park.

Existing Parking Lot - maintain for truck/trailer parking. Install edge protection (boulders / wood guard rails)

Install park entry sign at entrance

Provide new small parking lot for cars only at hiking trailhead. Provide edge protection as needed.

Existing multi-use trail

Existing entry to Homestead Trail

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Existing multi-use trail

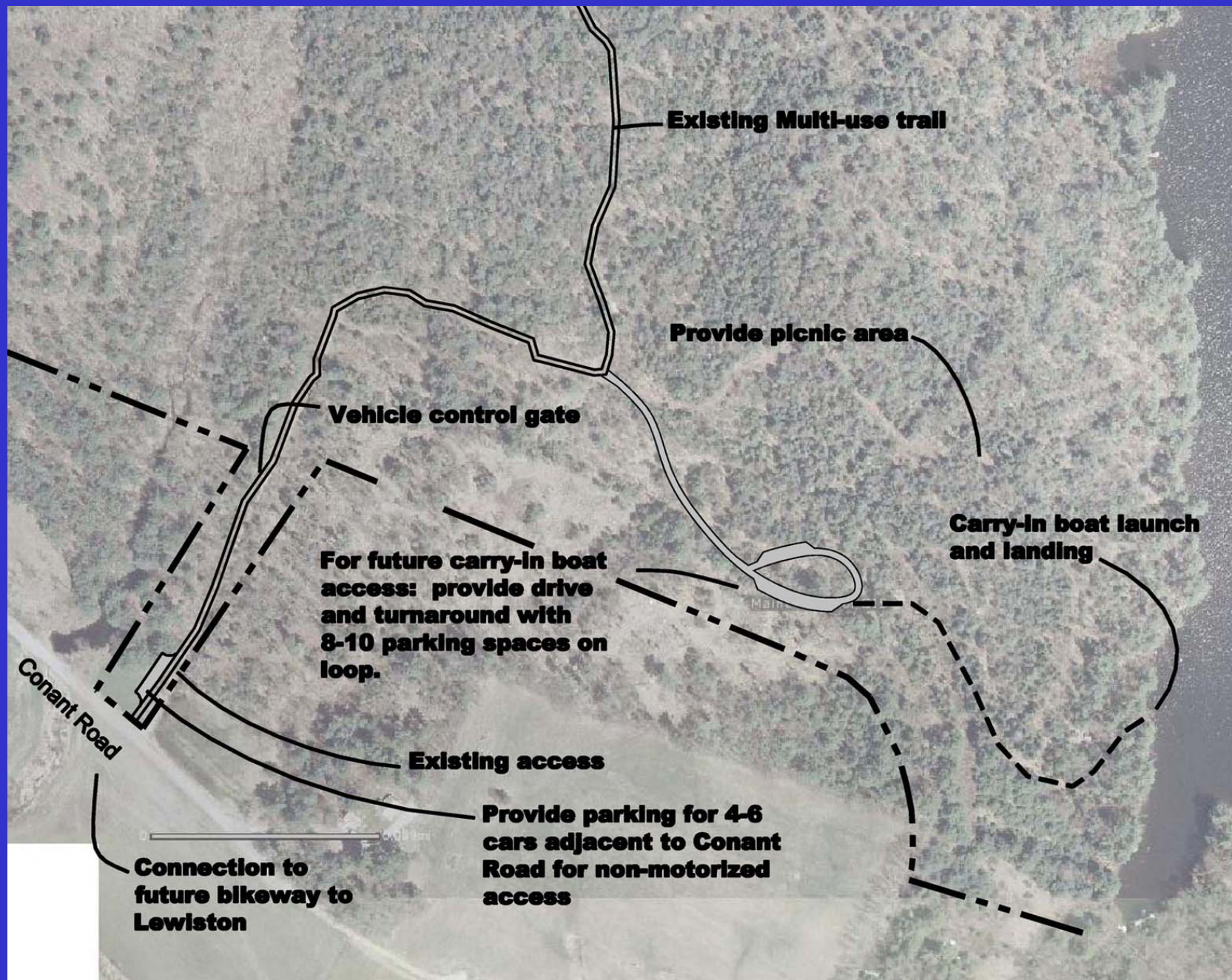
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Park Core Concept



Conant Road Entry Concept



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